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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXIV: (U) UKRAINIAN CLOSING PLENARY
STATEMENT, JUNE 11, 2009

Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.
Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is JCIC-XXXIV-020.

[1](#)2. (U) Paragraph 3 below contains the official translation
of the text of the Ukrainian Statement that was delivered at
the Closing Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-fourth Session of
the START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
(JCIC), held at the U.S. Mission on June 11, 2009.

[1](#)3. (S) Begin text:

Official Translation

JCIC-XXXIV
Plenary Meeting
June 11, 2009

STATEMENT

by the Head of Delegation of Ukraine
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
at the Closing Plenary Meeting of JCIC-XXXIV

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Representatives, Heads and Members of the
Delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of
Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, and the United States of
America,

Summing up the results of the work at JCIC-XXXIV, the
Delegation of Ukraine is pleased to note the Parties'
constructive approach to discussion of the items on the

agenda of this session. We should attribute this to the wealth of experience gained by the Parties during the 15 years of JCIC work, which contributed to the productive exchange of views at this session as well.

We particularly emphasize flexibility and pragmatism in discussing the problematic issues on the agenda.

The Ukrainian side welcomes the agreement reached on conducting a one-time demonstration of the Minuteman III front section, outside the existing quotas for reentry vehicle inspections. We reaffirm our interest in participating in this event.

In our view, the results of the discussion of redeclaration of Peacekeeper ICBM silo launchers are among the positive results of this session; that made it possible to acknowledge that the notification provided earlier was erroneous. This once again attests to the effectiveness of the Treaty's existing verification regime.

We appreciate the fact that consensus was reached on the procedure for final elimination of 109 SS-25 ICBMs by the Russian side.

At the same time, the Ukrainian side notes that despite certain progress, the consideration of a number of fundamental issues was not completed.

These include the following:

- reaching agreement on procedures for converting the B-1 heavy bomber to a delivery vehicle for non-nuclear armaments;

- preparing the Agreement on Principles and Procedures for Completion of Continuous Monitoring Activities at the Monitored Facility at Votkinsk, which is of practical importance for implementation of the Treaty;

- reaching an understanding regarding the legitimacy of the activities at Courtland.

The Delegation of Ukraine particularly directs the attention of the Parties to the importance of these issues for successful implementation of the Treaty and to the need to reach final agreements this year.

The Delegation of Ukraine thanks its partners for their understanding of the Ukrainian side's concern over the future format for cooperation within the system for ensuring strategic stability. The foundations of this system will possibly be governed by the new agreement on strategic offensive arms that is being intensively negotiated by the Russian and U.S. sides.

We would note, in particular, that the question we raised concerning Ukraine's participation in the negotiating process and in the future legally binding agreement is prompted not by an ambition to remain on the cutting edge of international policy in the area of strategic stability, but by a desire to ensure maximum effectiveness of the new and -- we hope -- multilateral Treaty.

The Ukrainian side reserves the right to continue bilateral contacts with the States Parties to the START Treaty, with a view to seeking a mutually acceptable format for Ukraine's participation in the new agreement, which would serve our country's national interests.

We express the hope that, recognizing the pressing importance and scope of the decisions to be made as we approach the end of the legally prescribed term of the START Treaty, the Parties will respond favorably to our proposal to hold an extraordinary working session of the JCIC before December of this year.

The Ukrainian Delegation is pleased to congratulate the members of the Russian Delegation on the upcoming national holiday -- Russia Day -- and to express its appreciation to the interpreters and translators of the Russian and U.S. Delegations for their assistance.

We wish all the participants in this session health, happiness, and a good trip home.

Thank you for your attention.

End text.

14. (U) Taylor sends.
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